

FINANCE AND TRADE.

Rise in Government Bonds—Foreign Exchange Dull. Currency Going to the Country—Stocks Strong.

The Produce Market Moderately Active, and Later—Wheat—A Good Demand for Corn.

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Government bonds opened 1/2 higher, at 102 1/2 bid in Chicago, and maintained that figure. The 4 1/2s were lower, at 105 1/2 bid. The 6s were 107 1/2 bid, and the 10 1/2s 109 1/2. Speculative purchases of the 4 1/2s were made by Chicago parties yesterday in anticipation of a rise between this time and the end of July, when a great deal of capital from called bonds and dividend payments is expected to affect the market. There, therefore, certificates were in demand at 102 1/2 bid.

The recent shipments of gold to Europe, though light, have attracted unusual attention. If any considerable movement of that kind is to be expected, the monetary result will be important. The *Financial Chronicle*, printing the figures of the exports and imports of the four months of 1878, shows that since the 1st of January our total exports have reached \$24,788,482, against a total of \$27,337,031, and in 1877 of \$20,046,729, and that the excess of exports over imports during those months was \$29,000,000, against \$18,000,000 in 1878, and \$48,000,000 in 1877. The figures for the first four months of 1879 show a more favorable result, the above shows that the result of the movement is much more favorable than for the same months of 1877, a year when closed, as stated above, with a net balance of one hundred and forty millions. It is evident, therefore, that there is nothing in the condition of our foreign trade which should encourage the idea of any considerable shipments of gold during the present year. In Chicago sterling granules were 45 1/2 for sixty-day bills and 45 1/2 for sight; and French francs 10 1/2 for sixty-day bills, and 10 1/2 for sight. The Chicago rates for sterling were 45 1/2 for sight, and 45 1/2 for sixty-day bills. The New York rates were 45 1/2 for sight, and 45 1/2 for sixty-day bills. The London money market is quiet. The London time, noting that at Paris, Brussels, Berlin, Frankfurt, and Leipzig the interest of money is 1 1/2 per cent in the open market, says that there is ample evidence to show that, although the demand for money is considerably less than it was, materially higher rates for it are at present impossible. The Bank of England yesterday advanced \$25,000 in bullion.

The Chicago banks are still sending currency to the country. The New York shipments to Chicago have ceased, as exchange between banks has risen above the shipping point. Discounts are in request at low rates. Call loans are 5/8 per cent, and 4 per cent on Government-bond collateral, time loans 7 1/2 per cent, and 10 per cent. Bank clearings were \$3,800,000.

Chicago wheat 7s were sold at 114 1/2, and interest. West Park 7s were sold at 106 between dealers.

Transactions in stocks were not large, and different parts of the market were different. The Michigan Central, after advancing from 77 1/2 to 78 1/2, broke down to 77 1/2. Lake Shore declined from 76 1/2 to 75 1/2. Illinois Central lost 1/2, to 78 1/2. Union Pacific, Erie, and Wabash were weak. Union Pacific, though said to be the subject of a strong rumor, declined 1/2, to 78 1/2. Erie was down 1/2, to 78 1/2. Wabash was down 1/2, to 78 1/2. The Granger stocks and the coal stocks were the most vigorous. The latest report on which Northwestern is being sold is that Vanderbilt means to consolidate the common and preferred stock and pay preferred dividends on both. The Granger stocks, and the coal stocks, were the most vigorous.

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